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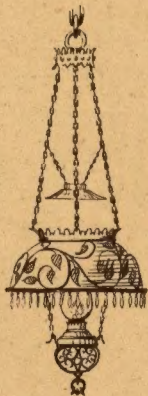
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Pioneers
of
METAL ARTCRAFT
in
Cincinnati and the Middle West



... History of the Company ...

THIRTY-FIVE years ago in the town of Louisville, Kentucky, in what was then known as a Blacksmith Shop, Mr. Ben Schaefer, Sr., with one employee, really started what is known today as The Cincinnati Artistic Wrought Iron Co.



IN THE PIONEER DAYS—1ST SHOP

From wax candle sticks, novelty oil lamps and other fixtures, the call came for lanterns, grille work and other ornamental hand wrought work. Calls came from far and near and as the business grew Mr. Schaefer was forced to expand and establish a larger factory which was located on Colerain Avenue and Marshall Street, Cincinnati.

After years on Colerain Avenue, devoting practically the best part of his life in perfecting the present business, a corporation was formed. Adopting the name of The Cincinnati Artistic Wrought Iron Company, the business grew rapidly, attracting much attention through the beauty connected with Wrought Iron. During this period of the company Mr. Schaefer was continually called upon to design and construct all wrought iron lanterns and grille

work that became prominent on the entries of our Public Buildings, Fire Houses, in Parks and gradually on the better dwellings. Many of these commissions are still in use.

The necessity of more space again confronted the organization which established a factory on Eastern Avenue. With improvements added from time to time and men now numbering eighty, we have spared no efforts to satisfy our clients and with the steady increasing demand for our workmanship and product we are preparing to do even better in the new modern factory on which we are working at present. New equipment, more artisans, new ideas in wrought iron, bronze, copper and brass at its best will be our motto.



IN THE DAYS OF 1901

Executives of the organization take this opportunity to thank those who have placed their confidence in the company and anticipate the pleasure of continuing our services to you in the future.

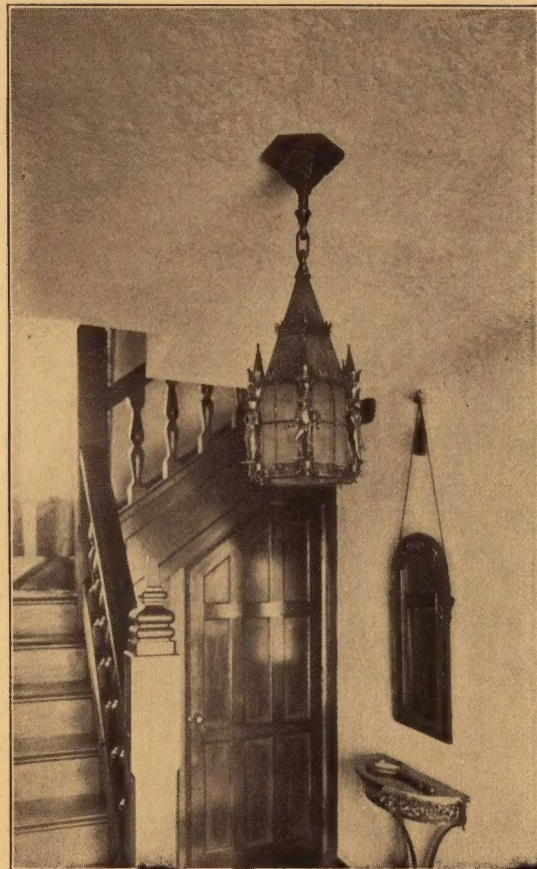
The Cincinnati Artistic Wrought Iron Co.

THE CINCINNATI ARTISTIC WROUGHT IRON CO.



ENTRY LANTERN
Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Gayer, Observatory Dr., Hyde Park
Cincinnati

G. Glover Boake,
Architect



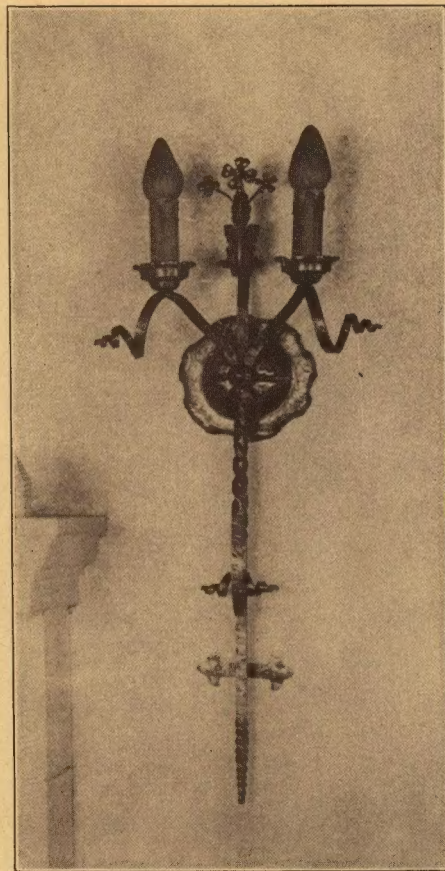
HALL
Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Bradley, Far Hills Dr.
Cincinnati

THE CINCINNATI ARTISTIC WROUGHT IRON CO.



LIVING ROOM
Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Bradley's Residence

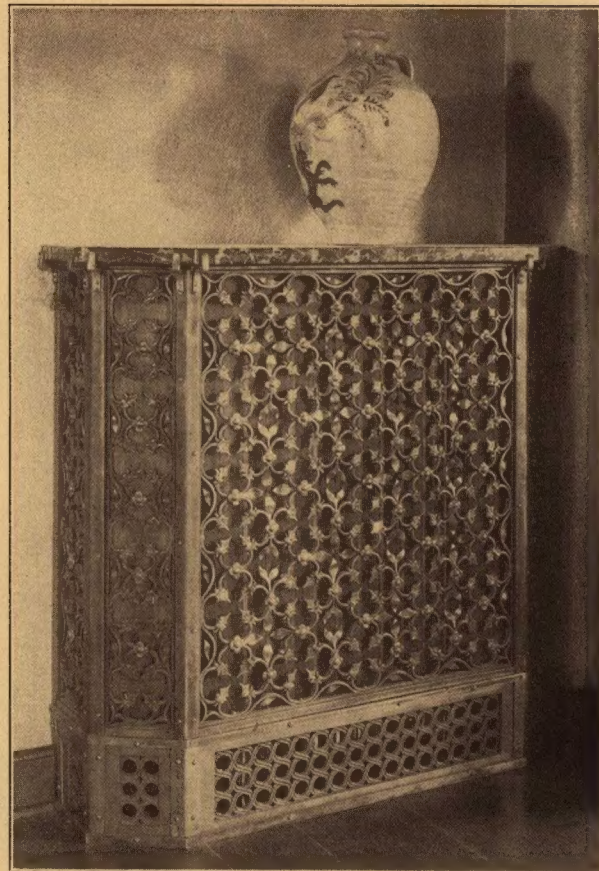
G. Glover Boake,
Architect



THE CINCINNATI ARTISTIC WROUGHT IRON CO.



FIRE PLACE
In residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. Cohen, Red Bud Ave.
Cincinnati



RADIATOR COVER OF BRONZE
Mrs. W. H. Schmidlapp, Grandin Lane
Cincinnati

THE CINCINNATI ARTISTIC WROUGHT IRON CO.



STAIR RAIL

In the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Heidacher, Ridgeview Pl.
Cincinnati



STAIR RAIL

In the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Mougey, Wakefield Lane
Cincinnati

THE CINCINNATI ARTISTIC WROUGHT IRON CO.



MARQUISE AND BALCONIES
On the residence of F. W. Patterson, Huntington, W. Va.



ENTRY DOORS
For S. A. Gerrard, Rose Hill, Cincinnati

C. C. & E. A. Weber,
Architects

THE CINCINNATI ARTISTIC WROUGHT IRON CO.



SIDE ALTAR
Chapel of Fenwick Club, Cincinnati, O.

Crowe & Schulte,
Architects



CONSOLE AND MIRROR
A Beautiful Setting of Metal Artcraft

THE CINCINNATI ARTISTIC WROUGHT IRON CO.

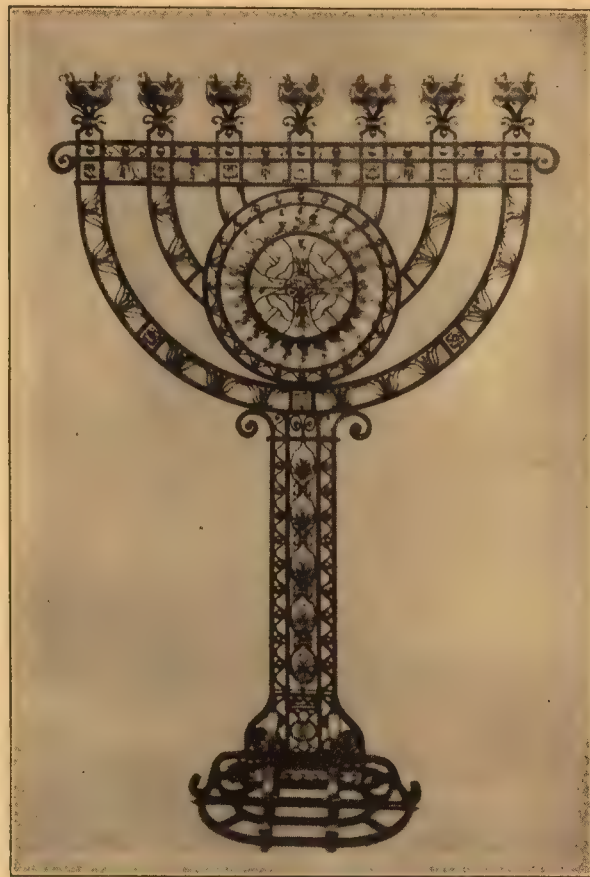


GATE OF IRON AND BRONZE
For Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Hummel, Cornell Pl.
Cincinnati



LANTERNS OF IRON, BRONZE OR COPPER TO CONFORM WITH THE ARCHITECTURE

THE CINCINNATI ARTISTIC WROUGHT IRON CO.



TORCHERS OF EXCLUSIVE DESIGNS



HEARTH AND FIRESIDE EQUIPMENT

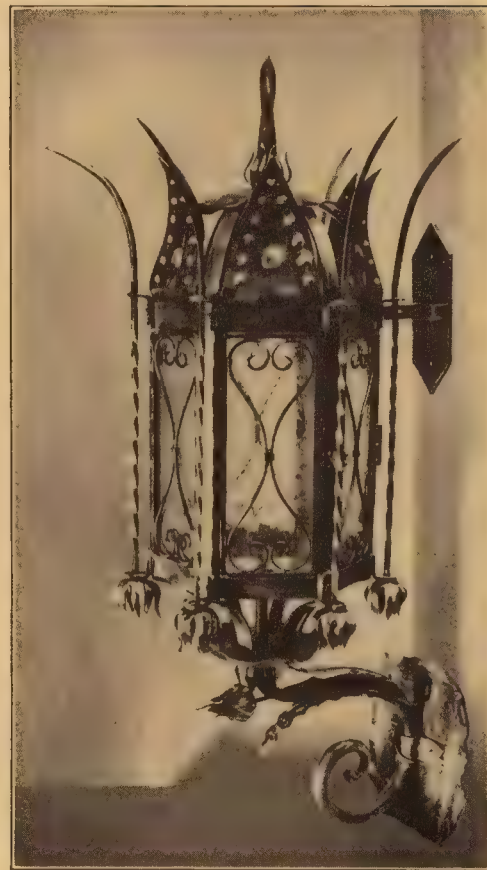
THE CINCINNATI ARTISTIC WROUGHT IRON CO.



BRONZE LANTERNS ON ENTRY OF AMERICAN BLDG., CINCINNATI

Also Bronze Ceiling Lights
of Interior by us.

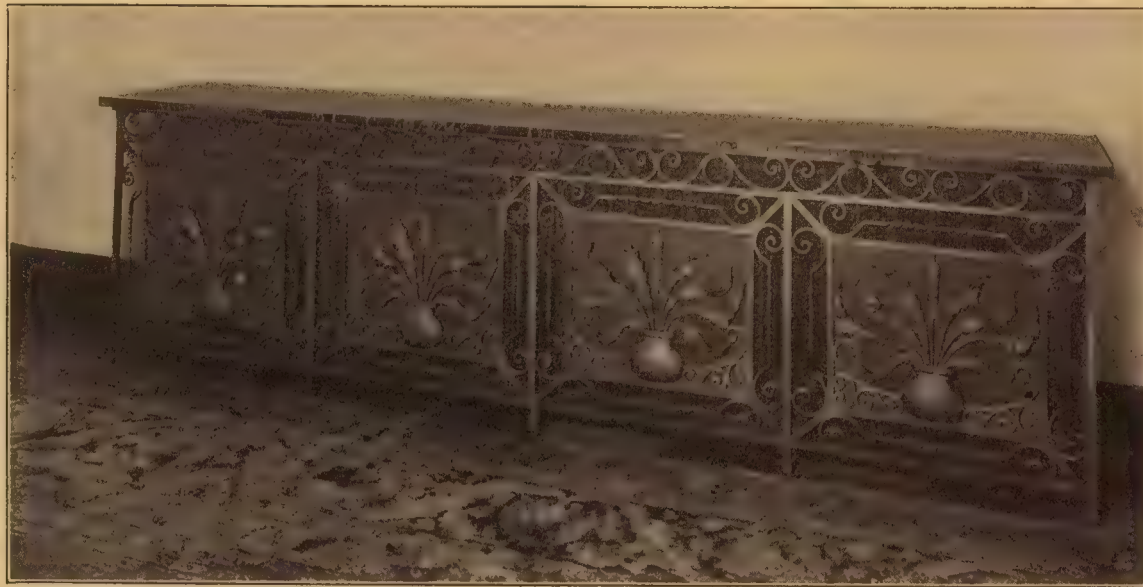
Jos. G. Steinhamp & Bro., Architects



ENTRY LANTERN

Used on Mr. F. W. Patterson's Residence
Huntington, W. Va.

THE CINCINNATI ARTISTIC WROUGHT IRON CO.



Radiators beautified and made practical with hand wrought iron or bronze made up in design to conform with any interior decorations or architecture.
Black and Gold, Verde or your choice Marble, Formica or Marbleized Metal Tops used in executing our designed covers. Asbestos lined.

THE CINCINNATI ARTISTIC WROUGHT IRON CO.



Complete Lighting of Main Floor of Sales and Display Rooms at
KRAUSS RADIO STORES, INC.,
111 East Fifth Street, Cincinnati, O.

THE CINCINNATI ARTISTIC WROUGHT IRON CO.



The Leibold-Farrell Bldg. Co., Bldr.
Kenny and Adams, Architects

Second Floor of
KRAUSS RADIO STORES, INC.,
Cincinnati, Ohio

THE CINCINNATI ARTISTIC WROUGHT IRON CO.



LIGHTING FIXTURES OF CHARACTER—IN HARMONY WITH THE ARCHITECTURE—DESIGNED FOR YOU

THE CINCINNATI ARTISTIC WROUGHT IRON CO.



REPRODUCTIONS OF GATES EXECUTED IN IRON AND BRONZE

THE CINCINNATI ARTISTIC WROUGHT IRON CO.

HERBERT SPIELMAN
ARCHITECT
100 WEST 4TH ST. CINCINNATI, O.

February 18, 1929.

To whom it may concern:

The Cincinnati Artistic Wrought Iron Works Company have recently executed several commissions of ornamental wrought iron work through this office, and in each case the work has been very artistically executed.

I have no hesitancy in recommending them to those who desire painstaking and craftsmanlike work. Their co-operation has also been a factor in the prompt execution of the commissions.

Respectfully,

H. Spielman

WM. LEIMANN & BRO.
CARPENTERS AND BUILDERS
2302-2305 CLIFTON AVE.
CINCINNATI, O.

November 18, 1928

Cincinnati Artistic Wrought Iron Works Co.,
204 East 4th St.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

It is with the greatest of pleasure that we are writing this letter of appreciation for the promptness with which you have handled our work and also to compliment you on the skillful workmanship and beauty of your fixtures.

Before I have the opportunity in the future of continuing business with your company, we remain,

Respectfully,
Wm. Leimann & Bro.

Wm. Leimann & Bro.

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KRAUSS
RADIO STORES
Cincinnati, Ohio

January 27, 1929

Cinti. Artistic wrought Iron,
204 E. Fourth St.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Gentlemen:-

We feel that you should share with us, The Telbold Parrell Co., the builder, Kennedy & Adams the designer, the many compliments we have received from the thousands of people who visited our new studio at 111 East 5th St. during our opening which we held for three days.

It is a pleasure to compliment the Cincinnati Artistic Wrought Iron Works Company for the splendid work and service extended to me. Considering the numerous display rooms and the unreasonably short time allotted for this work, I can not say how much it meant to me.

Yours truly,

Very truly yours,

KRAUSS RADIO STORES INC.
SPS.

Krauss

CROWE AND SCHULTE
ARCHITECTS
REAR ROOM AT MC MILLAN STREET

CINCINNATI February 26th, 1929.

Cincinnati Artistic wrought Iron Works,
#304 E. 4th Street,
Cincinnati, O.

Gentlemen:-

RE: PENWICK CHAPEL.

We are pleased to state that the wrought iron work in the Penwick Chapel executed by your firm meets with our approval.

It was faithfully and artistically executed from full size details prepared by our office and stands today as an example of fine quality wrought iron work.

Sincerely yours,

Edw. Schulte

GAS & ELECTRIC APPLIANCE CO.
"The Electric Shop"

111 East 5th St.



CINCINNATI, OHIO

February 18th, 1929.

The Cincinnati Artistic Wrought Iron Works Co.,
204 East 4th Avenue,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Gentlemen:-

As manufacturers of Lighting Fixtures and Ornamental Wrought Iron Work, we take pleasure in recommending the Cincinnati Artistic Wrought Iron Works Company to Lighting Fixture dealers.

We have been using their lighting fixtures for many years at our various stores and have always found their quality, workmanship and service to be very satisfactory.

Yours very truly,

THE GAS & ELECTRIC APPLIANCE CO.

S. J. H. H. H.

Manager,
Fixture Department.

THE AMERICAN TOOL WORKS COMPANY
LATHES - RADIAL DRILLS - SHAPERS
CINCINNATI, U.S.A.

February 1, 1929.

Cincinnati Artistic Wrought Iron Works,
204 E. Fourth St.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

I wish to take this means to state that following the completion of my new residence on 2519 Langdon Farm Road, after a great deal of consideration of the fixture problem I finally decided on Cincinnati Artistic wrought Iron fixtures throughout the dwelling.

The service your company rendered in connection with this installation was extremely satisfactory, the work was done efficiently, neatly and with dispatch.

You have my appreciation of the manner in which you co-operated with me with suggestions concerning a selection of fixtures in keeping with the type of dwelling and they have been greatly admired by many of my friends who have given the subject of interior decoration much thought and study.

With best wishes for your continued success, I am

Respectfully yours,

Edw. Schulte

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SOME COMPLIMENTS FROM CLIENTS

THE CINCINNATI ARTISTIC WROUGHT IRON CO.

G. GLOVER BOAKE
RESIDENTIAL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION
CINCINNATI

3382 Outlook Ave., N.Y.
Dec. 9, 1928.

7282 Outlook Ave., N.Y.

Cincinnati Artistic Wrought Iron Works,
234 East Fourth Street,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

In the practice of Domestic Architecture, it is extremely important that every feature of the plan be carried out in exact detail and in accordance with the period of architecture used for each particular home.

On the exterior of the house these details include the stone work, stucco, the roofing, the style of window sash, glazing, etc. On the interior, the texture of the plaster, the woodwork, walling, style of doors, hardware, stair rails and lighting fixtures must be given careful consideration.

Nothing so especially sets off the period of the house and shows the care in design of the Architect, than the selection of electric lighting fixtures, conforming exactly to the period of architecture.

I have found that your company (the Cincinnati Artistic Wrought Iron Works) is particularly qualified to interpret my feeling, and to manufacture lighting fixtures to conform exactly with the style of the houses which I design and construct.

Yours truly,

G. Glover Boake

The Warren E. Richards Co.
N. E. Cor. Fourth and Main Sts.
CINCINNATI, O. Jan. 10, 1929.

The Cincinnati Artistic Wrought Iron Works,
City.

Gentlemen:

The installation of iron railing, ornamental wrought iron gates and wrought iron fixtures that your firm completed in my new residence has been artistically designed and admired. I wish to thank your designer for his time spent with Mr. Rose and myself in designing our electric fixtures. His ideas were original and were very much appreciated by us.

Very truly yours,

W. E. Richards

Packard & Company, Inc.
REAL ESTATE
DESIGNERS AND BUILDERS OF MODERN HOMES
107 WEST BROAD ST., PHOENIX AND BAYVIEW
PHOENIX, ARIZONA
CINCINNATI

January 4th, 1929.

The Cincinnati Artistic Wrought Iron Works Co.,
234 East Fourth Street,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

We wish to have you share with us the many complimentary letters and remarks that we have received from our clients. As we are continually endeavoring to use the best of skilled workmanship and materials to enhance the beauty of the homes we construct, we find your artistically designed lighting fixtures and ornamental railings have assisted us in carrying out our ideas.

Assuring you that we do not hesitate in recommending your company, and your prompt and efficient service, we are,

Very truly yours,

PACKARD & COMPANY, Inc.

For *W. E. Richards*

U. C. EWING
Builder of Superior Homes
CINCINNATI, OHIO

Artistic Wrought Iron Works,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

I take this opportunity to express my appreciation for your assistance in designing and creating the many beautiful and artistic wrought iron grilles and lighting equipment used in the home, designed and built by me.

I also wish to thank you for the efficient manner in which you handle my orders and for the courteous consideration shown my clients.

Sincerely yours,

U. C. Ewing

THE LEIBOLD-FARRELL BUILDING CO.
THE PRUDY A. SCHMID COMPANY BUILDING CORPORATION
CINCINNATI, Ohio, February 1, 1929

The Cincinnati Artistic Wrought Iron Works,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

We desire to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for your cooperation in the new location of the Prudy A. Schmid Company, 100 S. 1st St., and to add our congratulations both on the beauty of the design and on the speed with which the work was accomplished.

Your work in this instance was quite in line with your efforts in other buildings - prompt and exceptionally well executed.

We hope to have the pleasure of working with you again in many future occasions.

Yours very truly,

THE LEIBOLD-FARRELL BUILDING CO.

W. E. Richards

BAKER & NORTON
REALTORS
TRAFFIC LIGHT
CINCINNATI, OHIO
NOW IN OUR OWN BUILDING
2118 GILBERT AVE.
NEW PHONE NUMBERS
443
WOODBURN 244

January 12, 1929.

Cincinnati Artistic Wrought Iron Works Co.,
234 E. Fourth St.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

We wish to compliment you upon the quality and design of equipment which we have bought from you for use in our houses during the season just past.

In color, thru the records of 1928 we find that we have bought several complete outfits of fixtures for our houses and also many wrought iron stairrails, porch rails and ornamental fixtures such as chimney ornaments and grilles. These items of equipment have aided materially in assisting us to produce homes of quality and the owners of the homes are, we believe, without exception, satisfied clients.

It is our intention to use your firm for this class of work during the coming season. As you know, our slogan is:

"We Build For Those who Appreciate Quality"

and we believe that the use of your products assists in helping us to live up to this slogan.

With very best personal regards, we are,

Yours very truly,

BAKER & NORTON

By *Fay O. Norton*

JOE G. STEINHAUS & BRO.
ARCHITECTS
RESCUED LIBERTY BELL
CINCINNATI, OHIO

December 16, 1928.

The Cincinnati Artistic Wrought Iron Works,
234 East Fourth Ave.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Gentlemen:-

We wish to express our appreciation for your co-operation in the design and execution of the ornamental bronze lanterns and ceiling lights which you furnished for the American Building. Also, in carrying out the spirit of the design in all the other buildings for which you have furnished the lighting fixtures and wrought iron work for us.

Yours very truly,

Joe G. Steinhilber

THESE SPEAK FOR OUR QUALITY

WE INVITE YOU TO VISIT OUR STUDIO AT
324 EAST FOURTH STREET

MAIN 7851-6435

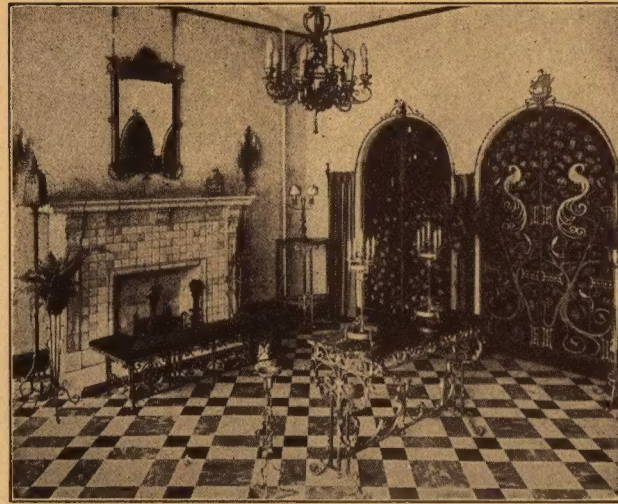
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to fit your architecture



Bridge, Junior Table Lamps
and Torchiers



Hearth Benches and
complete Fireplace
equipment



Interior and Exterior
Gates, Grille Work,
Balconies and Railing



Radiator Covers, Console
Tables and Mirrors to
meet your requirements



Lanterns a specialty
Novelties of all kinds

LET OUR DESIGNERS SOLVE YOUR PROBLEM IN BEAUTIFYING
Special designs and quotations gladly furnished.



The Cincinnati Artistic Wrought Iron Co.

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